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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3609  
INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
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AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMEMBASSY RABAT  
AMEMBASSY TUNIS  
AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 1163

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LY, EG

SUBJ: ALLEGED EVICTION OF LARG OFFICIAL FROM EGYPTIAN-  
LIBYAN BORDER CUSTOMS OFFICE

REF: TRIPOLI 1144, TRIPOLI 1160, MOSCOW 13672

AUG. 31, PRESS REPORTS EGYPTIAN AUTHORITY ALLEGEDLY  
EVICTED LARG CUSTOMS OFFICIALS FROM POST JOINTLY  
SHARED IN EGYPTIAN TERRITORY TO FORMER SITE INSIDE  
LIBYA AT UMM SAID. EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY  
SUBMITTED NOTE AUG. 30 URGING EVACUATION OF POST  
BEFORE SEPT. 6, BUT THEN FORCIBLY EVICTED LARG  
AUTHORITIES TWO HOURS AFTER SUBMISSION OF NOTE.  
COMMENT: ALLEGED EVICTION, IF SUBSTANTIATED,  
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FORBODES ILL OF EGYPTIAN INTENTIONS ON LIBYAN

BORDER. LARG MEDIA (REFTEL) ANTICIPATES EGYPTIAN MILITARY ATTACK AND DESPITE TENDENCY TO DISMISS MANY OF ITS UTTERANCES AS SHEER PROPAGANDA, SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO LARG ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN LIGHT OF INDEPENDENT REPORTS OF EGYPTIAN MILITARY BUILDUP, AND CLOSING OF BORDER WITH LIBYA. BORDER CLOSURE BY EGYPTIANS COULD BE INTERPRETED AS ACT PRELIMINARY TO ATTACK, OR AN ATTEMPT TO FORESTALL POSSIBLE EXPULSION OF LARGE NUMBER OF EGYPTIANS FROM LIBYA WHICH LARG HAS BEEN THREATENING IN EVENT OF WAR. WHATEVER REASONING BEHIND THIS LATEST EGYPTIAN MOVE, INCIDENT ONLY FURTHER REFLECTS DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND INCREASED POSSIBILITY OF MILITARY CONFRONTATION. TO WHAT EXTENT SUCH A CONFRONTATION WOULD INVOLVE OTHERS IS OBVIOUSLY CONJECTURAL BUT WE HAVE REPORT OF QADHAFI APPROACHING ALGERIA AND SYRIA FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT OF AN EGYPTIAN ATTACK UPON LIBYA. POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET ROLE CANNOT BE TOTALLY EXCLUDED GIVEN PRESENCE OF 700 SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORS AND RECENT PRAVADA ARTICLE (REFTEL MOSCOW) SUPPORTING LARG IN ITS DISPUTE WITH EGYPT. GIVEN POTENTIAL SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMB CAIRO'S ASSESSMENT OF EGYPTIAN INTENTIONS.

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